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ROBERT LESLIE. Plain and Sancy Book and Job Printing by the name of the Banda Oriental, the republics of Uraguay and the Argentine were tracted by intestine commotions, and menac-ed by fierce and sanguinary enemies from ments of quick intelligence and animation.

All this while the gun had been playing on to a mountain at some distance, and told them the enemy, whose fire ceased entirely after that, on that mountain perhaps they might without, it seemed as if, from the river La try would become convulsed in the throes of men, all told. But these were men with len when her mainmast went, and as that fell, inaccessible, and surrounded by forests of a a mighty revolution. All the ports on the frames of iron and hearts of steel, and they the remains of honest old Captain Coffin vast extent. La Plata were under a strict and continual had been engaged in many desperate adven- were consigned to a seaman's grave. For The Indians treasured up the hint, and, blockade, to prevent supplies from being tures. thrown into the different towns then invested, and to put a more effectual stop to smug-

ADVENTURE IN THE LIFE OF

At this period a company of adventurous and enterprising merchants despatched a fast-sailing and armed brigantine, commanded by an old and experienced seaman, to cruise up and down the La Plata, and force the valuable goods received from other ves- speaking us with his long gun.' sels, met at the mouth of the river, into the different ports then under blockade. The duty, not only an arduous but dangerous one, still brought streams of gold into the coffers of all engaged in it. Among the officers attached to the gallant little Spitfire, (for the Robert Leslie.

heart with bands of steel.

from the cares and perils of his hazardous tine swerve from her course. SHIP CHANDLERY AND PROVISIONS, days in peace and affluence. But alas! old brigantine direct athwart her hawse.'

tine prove the qualities of her build and rig shouted Leslie. Bear back, men, bear roy of a body having been found, which had community at large. The number of those and the skill of her officers, for in that situation she lay five days uninjured, and scarcely shipping a drop of water, while the tremendous storm whistling and sighing through her storm broke, and the wind was becoming man to spring aboard of the brigantine. 'Off fatigues which he had undergone, his of bringing their principles into exercise, in fitful, growling puffs, like the wantonnings grapplings!' The brigantine swung clear, of a tiger-cat driven from its prey. At and away again flew the gallant bark unin- by the thorny underwood of the tropics, he domestic sphere and in society at large. length the look-out on the forecastle reported jured, and with the loss of only three men was indeed, allowed a little tranquillity: but Among the most important of these is conland! Immediately fold after fold of canvas killed and five wounded.

unwelcome sight met their view; for, within of Captain Coffin.' a quarter of a mile of them was seen a large under sail coming out of the bay.

ing through the foam. Leslie walked aft and not yet finished with her; Captain Coffin's ria (cut off as he was, from all communica- heart, she must inevitably become that most examined the enemy with a spyglass. make her out?' asked Capt. Coffin. 'I think, sir, she's the St. Jago, a heavy round him.

'Ay, ay, sir,' answered the captain.

engaged in a close and bloody war. Dis- air of inactivity which had pervaded the crew ed. Plata to the Mexican Gulf, the whole coun- a long brass eighteen, and mustered fifty wreck-every spar gone. Her flag had fal- ing it was, its being particularly rugged and

gling, which had been very extensively car- an attentive eye, resumed his examination The gun had become heated, and Leslie, the foot of the mountain, and employed six of the frigate through the spyglass. The change of position of the brigantine, had brought the stranger off her quarter, and both vessels were at their utmost speed.

The gun had become heated, and Lesne, and the woods with casting one last look upon his sinking enemy, whole weeks in examining the woods with which it was covered. During this time, they lived principally by the chase; but, finding their stock of maize exhausted and both vessels were at their utmost speed. 'We shall soon hear from her,' said Les-

lie, addressing the captain. 'He is about

the enemy in its descent. 'Aboard! aboard with ye all!' again spoke more pressing labors in the interior

The land was soon made out to be the isl- Leslie, who had been pacing the deck, wrap- upon the fruits, of which nature is so lavish that beauty fades before it, and wealth in and of Achuana, uninhabited, but having a ped in thought, occasionally casting an eye in those climates; but in winter he was atand of Achuana, uninnabiled, but having a to his crippled adversary, suddenly gave the tenuated by hunger; and I have heard him making were indeed the great object of huwater. The vessel being in want of these orders: 'In light sails! heave her head yards repeatedly affirm, that no repast has afford-man life, I should scarcely dare to make this water. The vessel being in want of these indispensable necessaries, Captain Coffin steered for the bay of Aranzuas. They were with astonishment, but immediately obeyed. proceeding to round the headland forming geance for that shot. Bring up the remains mals, that he happened to find dead in the nobly of the female sex, and believe them

'Hard up the helm! Square away the to pieces and spreading slaughter among her any serious inconvenience; but whenever he es, and laid aside forever, yards! Off sheets!' broke from the lips of crew. And now was manifest the policy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of the longer pelicy of was deprived of sustenance for a longer pelicy of the l Leslie. Our cargo is too valuable to be He could not have fought successfully with thirty months he never tasted bread, nor saw the wreath of roses and place them again lightly risked. Pack on to her every thing, the Spaniard at a distance, from the superi- a human being, nor thought, at times, ever upon her polished brow; nay, she may besir; the wind has become steady, and the ority of her armament. He could not have to see one again. His clothes were reduced stow the treasury of her wealth without rebrigantine will soon run her out of sight. — carried her entirely by boarding, from her to a single wrapper of cotton, which he found serve, and permit the husband of her choice She has seen us, however, for they are mak- immense number of men. And by this sin- one day, when, driven by hunger, he had to spoil her goodly lands to gild his waste, Leslie proceeded to obey the orders, and of crippling an antagonist, he competed suc-soon the gallant brigantine was again dashremains were brought on deck, to be prepartion with the world) received intelligence of helpless and pitiable of earthly objects—the revolution of 1821, is hardly less extra-

vesssel, mounting ten caronades and a long 'You are gone,' said Leslie, looking upon ships, during the intervening period. When, gun. She has a numerous crew, and is a the mutilated remains, and his voice uncon- in 1818, he was abandoned by all the rest of In the year 18-, before the eastern sec- fast sailer. I think we'll scarcely get off sciously acquired a feminine softness. 'You his men, he was asked by two Indians, who tion of South America had been designated without a brush. Shall I beat to quarters, sir?' are gone, my good, kind old commander. | lingered with him to the last, and on whose But,' and his voice became stern-'you are fidelity he knew that he could rely, if any The drum beat to arms; and the listless avenged, and you shall be more than aveng- change should take place, where he wished

> The brigantine mounted six short guns and a few ineffectual shots. She was a complete find his bones. His only reason for selectthree hours and a half Leslie kept up a con- as soon as the first news of Iturbide's de-The decks and guns were speedily cleared tinual fire upon the unfortunate vessel. At claration reached them, they set out in quest for action. Leslie, after examining all with last the shades of night darkened around .- of Victoria; they separated on arriving at

> > SUFFERINGS OF GUADALUPE VICTORIA.

Guadelupe Victoria was one of the most discovered, in crossing a ravine which Vic-'Well, let him try,' replied the old man, distinguished of the leaders in the first Mexi- toria occasionally frequented, the print of a smiling. 'I am sorry we have not time to can revolution. At the head of a band of foot, which he immediately recognised to be return his politeness.' At this moment the gorgeous flag of Spain exploits not less remarkable for daring and European descent, and, consequently, acopened its folds to the gaze of all. 'Show success, than those related respecting Wal- customed to wear shoes, which always give him the stars and stripes,' said the captain, lace and other heroes of that class. At a difference of shape to the foot, very persmuggler was so named) was one whose ad- and it was done. Leslie was at this moment length, in 1816, the superior numbers of the ceptible to the eye of a native. The Indian ventures I now particularly intend relating. within a few feet of the captain. The stran- Spanish forces, under Mivares and Apodaca, waited two days upon the spot; but seeing He was next in command to his venerable ger was observed to diverge from her course. overpowered the patriots of Mexico, and the nothing of Victoria, and finding his supply of captain, who had seen more years of ser- A smoke, and a twelve pound shot crashed strength of Victoria became much reduced. provisions completely at an end, he suspendvice on the deep than years of life had pass- through the bulwarks, striking the captain of To pursue the interesting narrative present- ep upon a tree near the place, four tortillas, ed over the youth. And judging from the the Spitfire full in the chest, dashing him to ed in Mr. Ward's Mexico in 1827-"Not- or little maize-cakes, which were all he had young officer's appearance, he had himself the deck and nearly severing him in two. A withstanding the desperate efforts of Vic- left, and set out for his village, in order to run no sluggish career, for a life passed slight quivering of the limbs, and all was toria's men, their courage was of no avail replenish his wallets, hoping that, if Victoria amid all the vicissitudes of peril and adven-still. Leslie cast one look upon the good against the superior discipline and arms of should pass in the meantime, the tortillas ture had given a cast of graveness, I might old man, who had been to him as a father, their adversaries. In the course of the year would attract his attention and convince him almost say sternness, to features which might signed to the men nearest him to bear the 1816, most of the old soldiers fell; those by that some friend was in search of him. His have rivalled a female's in sweetness and remains to the cabin, and drew his cutlass .- whom he replaced them, had neither the little plan succeeded perfectly; Victoria on delicacy of expression. His dark blue eyes, The sweet and delicate expression, which same enthusiasm nor the same attachment crossing the ravine two days afterward, perwhen in repose, was of a dove-like softness, characterised his features, had vanished, and to his person. The zeal with which the inbut in action flashing a thousand fires; and a fierce smile of savage determination had habitants engaged in the cause of the revoluthere were but few, very few, who cared to taken possession of them, almost terrific to tion was worn out; with each reverse their been four whole days without eating, and uplook into those eyes when in anger. His look upon. There was a deathlike silence discouragement increased; and, as the dishair hung in wavy curls from a forehead of throughout the vessel. The men looked upon astrious accounts from the interior left them he says himself, that he devoured the tortilsnowy whiteness. The lower part of his face him, awe-struck. He exclaimed in a low but little hopes of bringing the contest to a las before the cravings of his appetite would having been browned by the fierce action of deep voice, 'We will avenge him!' The favorable issue, the villages refused to fura tropical sun, joined to a slight-budding words were nothing of themselves, but the nish any further supplies, the last remnant finding them on this solitary spot, where he mustache, redeemed his almost feminine appearance. He was of the ordinary height; and his form, slight but muscular, denoted to the practised eye great activity and strength in action. His age was twenty; his name suddenness of the movement appeared to which Apodaca proffered as the price of his Although the great disparity in years of startle the stranger, for a confusion was ob- submission, and determined to seek an asy- his motions and to take his own measures service between the two officers was so great, served on board her, which Leslie perceiv- lum in the solitude of the forest, rather than accordingly. Within a short time the Indistill the old seaman respected and trusted to ing, sprang to the long gun, which was heav- accept the indullo, on the faith of which so an returned; Victoria instantly recognised the utmost extent the skill of his young co-adjutor; for they had been some time togeth-wave of his hand, which the helmsman un-This extraordinary project was carried into er; and the judicious but daring courage of derstood and obeyed, the brigantine flew execution with a decision highly characteryoung Leslie when an attack was unavoida-ble, joined with his frank and generous demeanor, had bound him to the old man's death among those against whom it was directed. The Spitfire immediately bounded self into the mountainous district which oc-It was a beautiful afternoon in the month back again, on her course, towards the de- cupies so large a portion of the province of on hearing himself repeatedly called by his of June. The breeze was gently wasting the little Spitsire onward to the haven where the agent would be ready to unload the very valuable cargo with which the brigantine was now nearing the Spaniard rapidfreighted. Her anxious commander antici- ly, and gun after gun from the latter was of dence of his countrymen confirm the story stantly to his village where Victoria was repated that soon, very soon, he would be freed no avail in making the gallant little brigan- of his sufferings, as I have often heard it ceived with the greatest enthusiasm. The from his own mouth. During the first two report of his re-appearance spread like lightmode of life, and, returning home to his wife Leslie again spoke: Boatswain, have two weeks, Victoria was supplied with provisions ning through the province, where it was not and numerous family, resign the Spitfire to men provided with axes. Stand by with the by the Indians, who all knew and respected credited at first, so firmly was every one young Leslie, and pass the remainder of his grappling irons. Quartermaster, run the his name; but Apodaca was so apprehensive that he would again emerge from his re-Captain Coffin was destined to a different The brigantine dashed upon her prey. treat, that a thousand men were ordered out, in existence, and all the old insurgents rallifate. The breeze which had heretofore been 'Follow me, every man!' shouted Leslie as in small detachments, literally to hunt him steady, was now dying away, and the flap- he mounted her forecastle. His crew gave down. Wherever it was discovered that a ping of the canvas would have foretold the a loud cheer and followed their daring com- village had either received him or relieved commencement of a long calm, had not a mander, who was now engaged hand to his wants, it was burnt without mercy; and white curling mist rising, as it appeared, hand with two Spaniards. He cut them both this rigor struck the Indians with such terfrom the bosom of the deep, been a sure prog-nostication of the approach of the dangerous at bravery. His men nobly seconded him. toria, or were the first to denounce the appamparo. Leslie, who at this time was officer of the deck, seeing it make its rapid ad- 'Cut away her foremast!' was now the quick so fatal to them. For upward of six months vance towards the vessel, summoned the order of Leslie to the two axe-men. A few he was followed like a wild beast by his purready crew to the necessary duty of reducing strokes and the spar totters. 'Charge them suers, who were often so near him, that he the sails. His orders were obeyed with alacrity. The helm was shifted so as to bring the head of the brigantine nearly in the direction of the expected storm, and in that po-sition she met the hurricane. Upon her first feeling the force of the blast, the beautiful had been for some time, trying to get one of river which they were unable to cross; and vessel bent low, as if paying involuntary his quarter-guns pointed forward, which on several others he concealed himself, when homage to the spirit of the winds. Then would have swept most of the smugglers into in the immediate vicinity of the royal troops, rising gracefully and dashing the fierce eternity. But they were too late. A voice beneath the thick shrubs and creepers with of English women that they are the best firewaves aside, she came to the wind and stead- was heard—'All ready with the mast. Take which the woods of Vera Cruz abound. At side companions; but I am afraid that my reily lay to. And well did the gallant brigan- off the wounded. Let fall then, let fall!' last, a story was made up, to satisfy the vice- mark must apply to a very small part of the

> gularly daring, and I believe solitary instance approached nearer than usual to some Indi- she may do what she will-dress, bloom, demock, and the flag of his country wrapped ordinary than the fact of his having been round him.
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> How pleasantly the evening hours may be made to pass, when a woman who can con-

them to look for him? He pointed, in reply,

all their efforts unavailing, they were about to give up the attempt, when one of them him abruptly started from his concealment, he induced the whole province, with the exception of the fortified towns, to declare for independence, and then set out to join Iturbide who was at that time, preparing for the bide's project, for this good understanding to continue long. Victoria had fought for a liberal form of government, and not merely for a change of masters; and Iturbide, unable to gain him over, drove him again into the woods during his short-lived reign, from whence he only returned to give the signal for a general rising against the too-ambitious emperor.'- Chambers's Edinburgh Journal.

WOMAN AT THE FIRESIDE.-I have said back,' and he retreated with his men to the been recognised as that of Victoria. A mi- who are wholly destitute of the highest charm forecastle. One stroke more and the mast nute description was given of his person, belonging to social companionship, is lamentfalls with a terrific crash, crushing many of which was inserted officially in the Gazette ably great; and these remarks would never of Mexico, and the troops were recalled to have been obtruded upon the notice of the public, if there were not strong symptons of

his sufferings were still almost incredible. versation-an engine so powerful upon the The Spitfire had proceeded about a mile. During the summer, he managed to subsist minds and characters of mankind in general, 'Man the long gun. I'll have ample ven- gnawing the bones of horses, or other anni- are to be had. I must, however, think more woods. By degrees, he accustomed himself more solicitous to maintain affection after the The long gun was beautifully served .- to such abstinence, that he could remain match is made than simply to be led to the Spanish guarda costa, of superior armament, Every shot told upon her unmanageable ad- four, and even five days, without tasting altar, as wives whose influence will that day versary with terrific precision, tearing her anything but water, without experiencing be laid aside with their wreaths of white ros-